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Dear Paul,

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd. I did receive the CDs back from David Lifton a few days ago, so that is okay.

I am writing in great sadness and sorrow, because of the death of Bob Ockene at the age of 35, of leukemia. Bob was the executive editor at Bobbs-Merrill who asked to see the ms. of Accessories back in 1966 and who subsequently became a very close personal friend. He was a founder of Resist and very active in the peace movement, as well as an unfaltering supporter of the WR critics. After working with him as closely as I did for two years, I feel as though I had lost a big chunk of my own life.

A few weeks ago Bobbs-Merrill received a letter from your friend Masterman in England, asking how he could get a copy of Accessories. He had read a copy borrowed from Joesten and made some highly complimentary remarks about the book, asking that they be transmitted to me, so a copy of his letter was sent to me. I wrote him to thank him for his generous remarks about the book and asked him what lines of investigation he was pursuing (since he said in his letter that he was the only active researcher on the case in England).

Also, I had a call the other day from a Stanley Primmer, who said that he knew you and Harold Weisberg and wanted to come to see me and talk about the case. We made a tentative appointment for next Sunday. Meanwhile, I talked to Harold, who confirmed that he did know Primmer and said that he had done excellent work on the case.

I guess this is all for now.

Sincerely,